

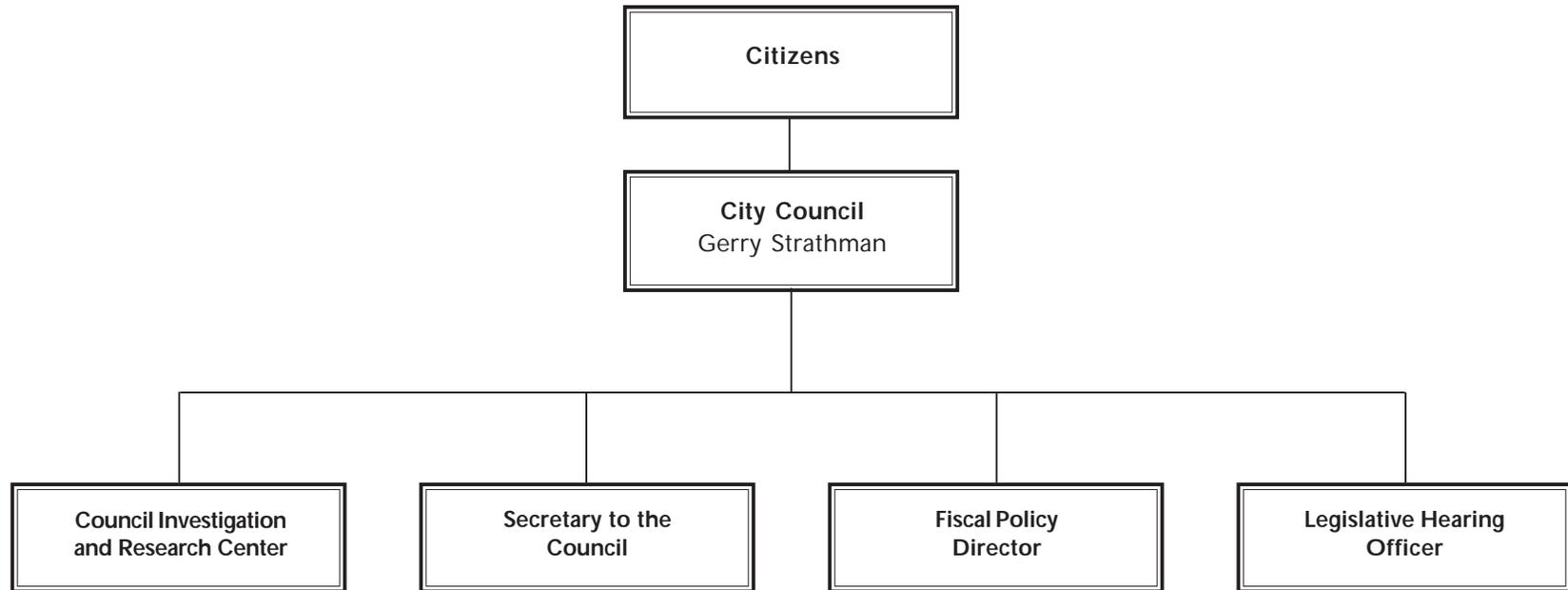
# City Council

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## **Mission Statement**

The city council is the legislative, policy-making, budget approval and performance auditing body for Saint Paul city government. The city council exists to provide for the health, welfare, safety, economic opportunity, quality of life, and common good of the people of Saint Paul.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE DIRECTOR: GERRY STRATHMAN

	1999 2ND PRIOR EXP & ENC *	2000 LAST YEAR EXP & ENC *	2001 ADOPTED BUDGET	2002 MAYOR'S PROPOSED	2002 COUNCIL ADOPTED	ADOPTED MAYOR'S PROPOSED	CHANGE FROM 2001 ADOPTED
<b>SPENDING APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
001 GENERAL FUND	1,945,678	1,998,241	2,084,553	2,148,054	2,175,054	27,000	90,501
724 PUBLIC UTILITIES INVESTIGATION FU	85,948	107,395	87,316	88,897	88,897		1,581
<b>TOTAL SPENDING BY UNIT</b>	<b>2,031,626</b>	<b>2,105,636</b>	<b>2,171,869</b>	<b>2,236,951</b>	<b>2,263,951</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>92,082</b>
<b>SPENDING BY MAJOR OBJECT</b>							
SALARIES	1,424,770	1,456,826	1,497,914	1,542,573	1,542,573		44,659
EMPLOYER FRINGE BENEFITS	427,273	444,375	432,852	469,701	469,701		36,849
SERVICES	98,193	117,614	120,650	135,024	142,024	7,000	21,374
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	25,676	35,439	31,453	35,653	35,653		4,200
MISC TRANSFER CONTINGENCY ETC	50,696	51,382	74,000	54,000	74,000	20,000	
DEBT							
STREET SEWER BRIDGE ETC IMPROVEMENT							
EQUIPMENT LAND AND BUILDINGS	5,018		15,000				15,000
<b>TOTAL SPENDING BY OBJECT</b>	<b>2,031,626</b>	<b>2,105,636</b>	<b>2,171,869</b>	<b>2,236,951</b>	<b>2,263,951</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>92,082</b>
		3.6 %	3.1 %	3.0 %	1.2 %	1.2 %	4.2 %
<b>FINANCING BY MAJOR OBJECT</b>							
GENERAL FUND	1,945,678	1,998,241	2,084,553	2,148,054	2,175,054	27,000	90,501
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>							
TAXES							
LICENSES AND PERMITS							
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE							
FEES, SALES AND SERVICES	63,800	125,188	63,000	65,000	65,000		2,000
ENTERPRISE AND UTILITY REVENUE							
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE							
TRANSFERS							
FUND BALANCES			24,316	23,897	23,897		419
<b>TOTAL FINANCING BY OBJECT</b>	<b>2,009,478</b>	<b>2,123,429</b>	<b>2,171,869</b>	<b>2,236,951</b>	<b>2,263,951</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>92,082</b>
		5.7 %	2.3 %	3.0 %	1.2 %	1.2 %	4.2 %

## Budget Explanation

### Major Changes in Financing and Spending

#### Creating the 2002 Budget Base

The 2001 adopted budget was adjusted to set up the base for the year 2002. The city council budget was increased for the anticipated growth in 2002 for salaries and fringes related to the bargaining process. A spending cap was imposed on the department's adjusted general fund budget to limit the growth of government spending and to avoid an increase to the city's property tax.

#### Department Proposals

The city council submitted its budget with no major changes from last year's level of financing or spending. The budget submitted exceeded the spending cap.

#### Mayor's Recommendations

In preparing the 2002 proposed budget, the mayor recommended accepting the department proposals contained in the submitted budget, with one exception:

C making further reductions to bring this budget closer to, but still exceeding, the affordable spending cap.

#### City Council Actions

The city council adopted the city council budget and recommendations as proposed by the mayor.

The city council made these further changes:

C added a \$20,000 contingency in the department budget for special needs, and  
C added \$7,000 for interns and training conferences.

## Strategic Plans

### Objectives:

- Exercising the legislative responsibilities for the city as provided by the city charter;
- Functioning as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority;
- Serving as a judicial body to hear appeals as specified by law;
- Determining policy direction for the city's fiscal affairs and development plans;
- Performing the legislative oversight function through the conduct of policy analyses and performance audits;
- Overseeing the granting of city franchises;
- Directing operations of the legislative branch of city government; and
- Approving the budgets for all city departments, as well as the RiverCenter Authority, Regional Water Services and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the tax levy for the Port Authority.

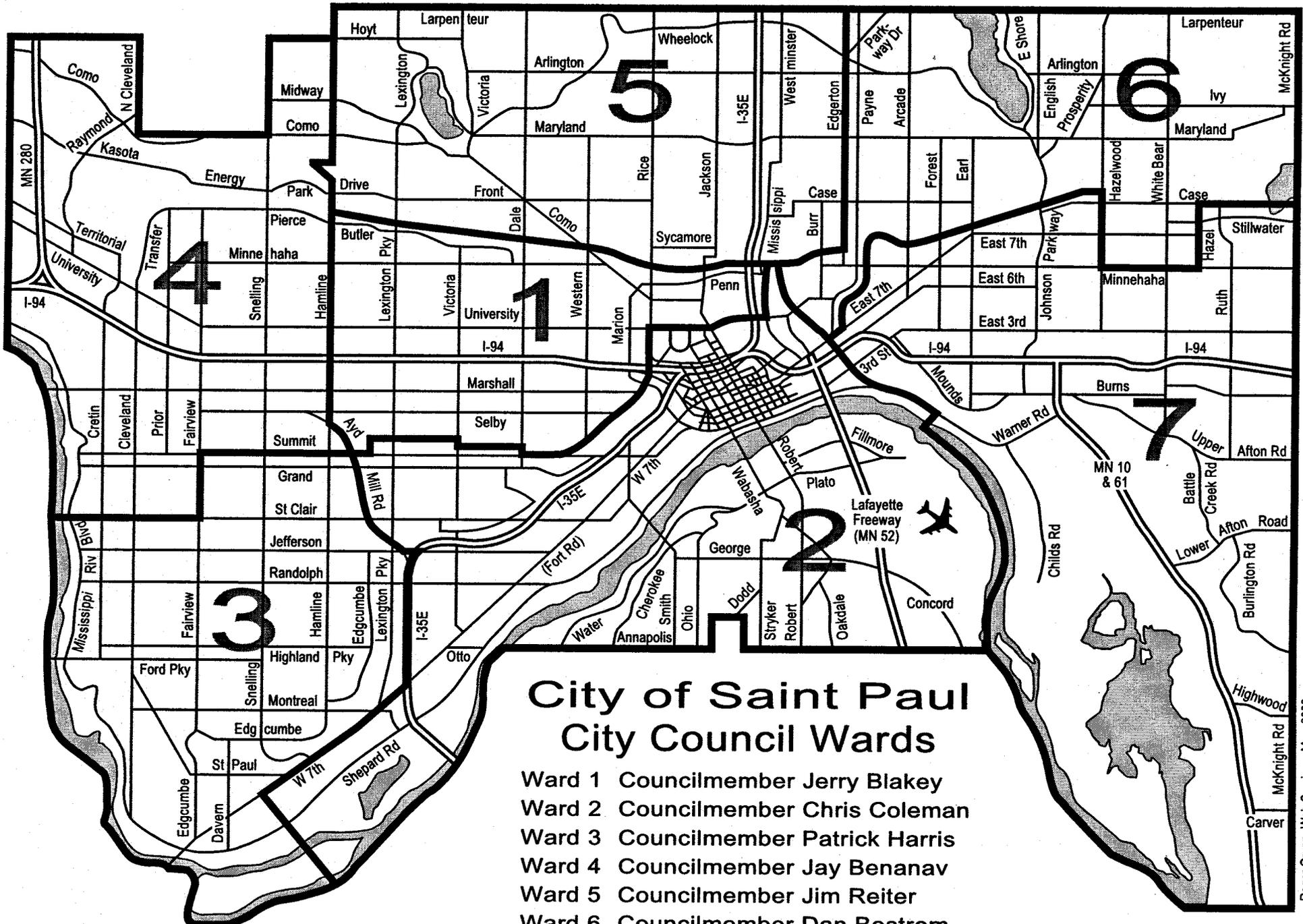
### Key Activities:

- The city council is responsible for the development, consideration and adoption of legislation in the form of ordinances and resolutions. The city council will consider and dispose of more than 1,400 pieces of legislation each year.
- The city council reviews the mayor's proposed budget to ensure that the final budget adopted by the city council is congruent with the city's needs. The budget review process involves budget hearings with both city staff and the public.
- As part of its responsibility as the legislative branch, the city council conducts policy analyses and performance audits to ensure city programs are being properly implemented and program goals and policy objectives are being attained. This legislative oversight responsibility involves the council and the use of professional council staff to conduct in-depth studies of programs selected by the council.

## **Strategic Plans (continued)**

### **Key Activities (continued):**

- City council staff conducts in-depth analyses of complex city financial issues to form a basis for city council decisions with respect to the long-term implications of proposed city financial activities. city council staff also provides support for the operations of the council and councilmember offices. This involves the provision of secretarial and clerical services.
- It is the duty of all legislative bodies to exercise the oversight necessary to ensure that the policies and programs which they create are being properly implemented and that they are producing the effects intended. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the city council must be able to conduct independent and objective policy analyses, performance audits and program evaluations. The development of the staff and technical resources to support effective legislative oversight is key to an effective city council.



## City of Saint Paul City Council Wards

- Ward 1 Councilmember Jerry Blakey
- Ward 2 Councilmember Chris Coleman
- Ward 3 Councilmember Patrick Harris
- Ward 4 Councilmember Jay Benanav
- Ward 5 Councilmember Jim Reiter
- Ward 6 Councilmember Dan Bostrom
- Ward 7 Councilmember Kathy Lantry